



Rail Stations

Railroads once, and now again, play a central role in our lives. More than a hundred years ago train stations from the vast vaulted Penn Stations in Newark and Hoboken to the more modest ones along the lines were built as architectural expressions of their owners and communities. As new commuters discover the convenience and environmental benefits of taking the train, state agencies, communities and businesses build, rebuild and restore rail stations with close attention to their architectural beauty along with other passenger amenities. Some favorites are presented here.





Previous page: NJ TRANSIT opened its new transit complex in Hamilton Township (Mercer County) in 1999: a rail station, park and ride and a bus maintenance facility. The first new rail station NJ TRANSIT completed in its 20-year history, **Hamilton's** park-like setting and distinctive architecture make it a community asset. High quality modern building materials, spacious covered platforms, an airy rotunda, gracious entranceways and a distinctive clock tower evoke the golden age of rail travel.

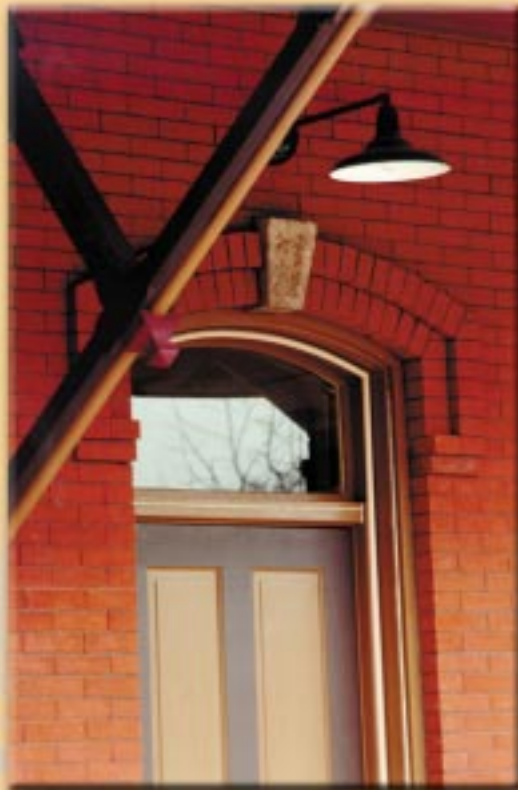
Above: The 1876 **Red Bank Station** is a fine example of a small town combination station in the Carpenter Gothic tradition. The Red Bank Station, a gateway to the town, was rehabilitated in 1976. NJ TRANSIT plans to historically restore it in the next few years.



The restored **Anderson Street Station** in Hackensack is typical of the first generation of stations built over the Erie-Lackawanna lines during the late 19th century. It was designed in a simplified Carpenter Gothic style, an appearance consistent with the neighborhood's suburban "cottages."



The light-filled waiting room and clock tower are features of the busy **Rahway Station** totally rebuilt and opened in 1998. A committee of local officials worked with NJ TRANSIT design engineers for almost a decade to replace the 1930s station. A bronze map of Rahway in front of the entrance is the centerpiece of the new rail facility which serves as a link to other downtown development and enhancement projects.



HOPEWELL RAILROAD STATION RESTORATION

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Hopewell is currently renovating its 1876 station with the help of state and federal funding. It is a rare example of a New Jersey suburban station in the Second Empire style. The building boasts an unusual attention to decorative detail. NJ TRANSIT is now studying the feasibility of restoring passenger service on this line.



The 1907 classic beaux-arts style of the **Hoboken Terminal's** main waiting room was restored to its original splendor in 1999. Besides improving safety, comfort and efficiency for passengers, the massive skylight, copper windows, wood benches and terrazzo floor were restored in this \$10.5 million project. In addition, replicas of original hanging lights were installed, plaster was repaired and painted, limestone was cleaned and patched, woodwork was refinished and the exterior copper and roofing were repaired.

